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REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY OF ALAMEDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
7:00 PM

(This meeting was held in Room 360, Alameda City Hall.)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Commission Members: Dahlberg, Richards, Robillard, and Ryan

Absent: Commission Members: Harrison, McKean, and Reeves

Vacancies: (2)

Staff: Eric Fonstein, Rosemary Valeska

2. MINUTES

2.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2011

Due to lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes could not be acted upon. This item will be re-agendized for the June 16, 2011 Regular Meeting.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

(None)

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

(None)

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Presentation by the Alameda Municipal Power General Manager regarding AMP's incentive programs

Mr. Fonstein introduced AMP General Manager Girish Balachandran and stated that AMP is an important part of the City's economic development program. Hard copies of AMP's PowerPoint presentation were distributed to the Commission Members prior to the meeting. Mr. Balachandran explained the items on each slide. This presentation will be posted on the City website.

Commission Member Richards asked Mr. Balachandran's about his thoughts regarding AMP's ill-fated venture into telecommunications. Mr. Balachandran stated that Comcast would always have the competitive advantage, as they did not have the constraints of a public agency. It basically came down to AMP asking, "What is our core business?"

Commission Member Ryan expressed concern about bird deaths resulting from wind turbines. Mr. Balachandran responded that Altamont now uses giant turbines that move more slowly, thereby resulting in less "avian mortality."

Mr. Fonstein cited AMP's customer service unit. Alameda's businesses have direct access to AMP's decision makers. The Commission Members thanked Mr. Balachandran for his presentation. This item was presented for information, only; no EDC action was requested.

7. REPORTS

(None)

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

8.a. Upcoming EDC Agenda Items

Mr. Fonstein reported that the following items were planned for the June 16 Regular Meeting:

- A presentation by a representative of the new owners of Alameda Towne Centre
- The quarterly sales tax report
- Lawrence Berkeley National Labs update

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

LBNL Second Campus:

Mr. Fonstein distributed copies of an article from the May 13-19, 2011 *San Francisco Business Times*, "Berkeley lab narrows campus expansion choices to six." Alameda and the Richmond are the only public entities on the shortlist; the others are private developers. LBNL's final choice is expected by November 2011. Public meetings will be held with all the short-listed communities. Alameda's meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Fonstein stated that in March, ARRA had issued a Request for Qualifications to form a development team to work on LBNL with ARRA. Seven highly qualified proposals were received. ARRA approved staff's recommendation of Mission Bay Development Group. LBNL concurred with ARRA's selection.

Proposed Boards and Commissions Restructuring:

Mr. Fonstein reported that the City Council had formed a subcommittee comprised of Vice Mayor Bonta and Council Member deHaan. This subcommittee will oversee the formation of an ad hoc committee that will be tasked with considering possible changes to the City's commissions. This ad hoc committee will be modeled after the Sunshine Task Force. The EDC will be advised of any developments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Valeska
EDC Recording Secretary